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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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MINAMITAKE, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: To be Assigned
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Application Number: 10/500,561	)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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I. A. Filing Date: May 21, 2003	)	
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For: MEDICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING GHRELIN		

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Sequence Listing** is presented on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.